

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 08-01-29**

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For Work Week Commencing: January 28, 2008
Commission Meeting: January 29, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the latter part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. BLACK HILLS POWER D2008.1.4 (Eric)

On January 9, 2008, BHP filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on January 10, 2008. Requests for hearing were due by January 28, 2008. No requests have been received. This application will increase revenues by \$56,685 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been

drafted. **Probable motion:** Grant BHP's Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2008.1.3 – Ronan, Hot Springs & Qwest – Issues referred to the Commission by U.S. District Court – Consider Qwest's Motion to admit Charles Steese, pro hac vice. (1/29/08)
2. D2007.7.82 – NWE – Application for Approval for Authority to Establish Increased Natural Gas and Electric Delivery Service Rates – Discuss and provide direction to staff regarding going-forward procedure related to the stipulation and revenue requirement portion of the docket. (1/29/08)
3. D2005.11.163 & D2005.11.164 (Consolidated) – Applications for permanent water and sewer rates – Discuss and act on Utility Solutions Motion for Protective Order covering partnership tax returns for 2005 and 2006. (1/29/08)
4. Out of state staff travel – Obtain approval of travel request for Eric Dahlgren to travel to Oklahoma City, April 7-11, for required pipeline safety corrosion control course. (1/29/08)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

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| 1. <u>CenturyTel</u> | N2008.1.5 | (Scott) |
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On January 15, 2008, CenturyTel of Montana Inc. filed transmittal No. 08 new permanent offerings of Local Tariff. The offerings are: Caller ID Extra, Caller ID Plus and Winback. On January 18, 2008, Century Tel filed a replacement tariff page to revise the Winback offering in order to apply it to business customers as well as residential customers. The "Caller ID Extra" offering is available to residential customers who subscribe to Caller ID, Call Waiting, Call Waiting ID and Call Forwarding for a package price of \$10.95 per month. In addition, all applicable nonrecurring charges will be waived. The "Caller ID Plus" offering is available to residential customers who subscribe who subscribe to Caller ID, Call Waiting and Call Waiting ID, where available, for a package price of \$8.95 per month. In addition, all applicable nonrecurring charges will be waived. The third offering "Winback" is available to residential and business customers who previously established service with another Local Exchange Carrier and who now wish to return to CenturyTel for Local Service. In this offering the Company will waive the applicable nonrecurring charges for each access line ordered. The Company requests an effective date of February 15, 2008 for this filing.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

1. 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. D2007.10.124 Jim

On January 23, 2008, 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. filed a Motion for Protective Order pursuant to ARM § 38.2.5007, seeking confidential treatment of certain cost, financial and network information sought in discovery in this proceeding.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2008.1.6 – PSC Initiated – PSC Investigation of Qwest Corporation –
Regarding the justness and reasonableness of rates, schedules and terms and
conditions of service

N2008.1.7 – PSC Initiated – 2008 annual line moving charge compliance filings

N2008.1.8 – NorthWestern Energy – Request for authorization for accumulation
of over and under collections of MPSC and MCC taxes beginning January 1,
2008